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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS *THE BALLAD OF ESEQUIEL HERNANDEZ*

An official selection of the 2007 Tribeca Film Festival

SAN DIEGO – San Diego Public and the San Diego Latino Film Festival invite you to view “The Ballad of Esequiel Hernandez.” This screening takes place at 6:30p.m., June 30, in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street, in downtown San Diego. This event is free and open to the public.

In 1997, U.S. Marines patrolling the Texas-Mexico border as part of the War on Drugs shot and killed Esequiel Hernández Jr. Mistaken for a drug runner, the 18-year-old was, in fact, a U.S. citizen tending his family's goats with a .22 rifle. He became the first American killed by U.S. military forces on native soil since the 1970 Kent State shootings. “The Ballad of Esequiel Hernández,” narrated by Tommy Lee Jones, explores Hernández's tragic death and its torturous aftermath. His parents and friends, the Marines on patrol and investigators discuss the dangers of militarizing the border and the death of one young man.

This event is a collaboration with the award-winning documentary series P.O.V. (www.pbs.org/pov). Since 1988, P.O.V. has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues. “The Ballad of Esequiel Hernández” is scheduled to debut on national public television on July 8.

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